

Town of Hampton Mosquito Control Commission

Minutes of Meeting July 19, 2005

Attendees:

Ann Kaiser

Rich Reniere

Sarah MacGregor of Dragon Mosquito

Absent:

Secretary-Member Russ Bernstein

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

We were unable to review the minutes of the June meeting because Ann had been unable to open Russ' email attachment which contained those minutes.

Ann noted that Dragon's report for June omitted the count & stage of larva found during the dips at the survey sites. Sarah stated that was because she found most people misunderstood the meaning of the count. If Dragon's workers found larva at a site, they treated that site at the time of the survey.

Sarah reported that she had received no major complaints from Hampton residents. Dragon will be doing a marsh spray this week due to the full moon on Thursday. She also noted that the greenhead traps have been loaded with flies in recent days. The owners of Tide Water Campground had expressed their appreciation for the traps – it was suggested that they be asked to write a letter to the Commission/Board of Selectmen stating that.

Discussion of the 2006 budget followed. In order to stay within the \$60,000 figure requested by the Town Manager, Sarah said she could eliminate the marsh treatment after the heavy rains and simply treat after the flood tides. This would allow her to still set out the greenhead fly traps and compensate for the rising cost of supplies, fuel, labor, and insurance. Ann suggested that we look into protection for the traps while they are in winter storage at Public Works. Rich offered to check on prices for tent-type coverings, and Ann will contact John Hangen or Doug Mellon about space for such a structure. This would have to be added to the 2006 budget.

Ann had been approached by Ms. Moreinas-Dodge of the N. Hampton MCC regarding aerial spraying (by helicopter) as done in Essex County, MA., and was waiting to hear about a meeting with those folks for more information. Sarah said this would help in the area off I-95 which abuts N. Hampton and is very difficult to reach by foot, but the state of NH is not encouraging aerial spraying.

Ann reported that a resident had questioned whether Dragon received land-owners permission before placing greenhead traps, and if not, suggested it do so. Also, a resident reported a damaged trap close to her residence. Sarah stated the trap had been vandalized, and will probably find a less-accessible site for that trap.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00pm.

Next meeting will be August 16, 5:30pm, Lane Library

Ann Kaiser, acting secretary